Arrival of tourists in Goa by Chartered Flights

450. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Chartered flights carrying tourists to India has increased during the last two years;

(b) if so, the number of such flights during the last two years in the country and in the State of Goa;

(c) the estimated number of tourists who arrived from various countries, country-wise and the foreign exchange earned from them in Goa;

(d) whether the landing facilities at Goa are adequate keeping in view the number of flights; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to see that these flights do not have any problem in landing at Goa Airport?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the Chartered flights carrying tourists to India are as follows:—

Country	No. of Flights	
	1999	2000
UK	260	282
Germany	34	42
Holland	26	23
Finland	40	32
Sweden	—	7
Switzerland	26	19
TOTAL	286	405

(c) The tourist Chartered flights in India arrived at Goa from U.K., Germany, Holland, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland. The total number of tourists arrivals including arrivals by Charters in Goa is as follows:—

Year	Tourist Arrivals
1999	284298
2000	291709

As per the RBI, the total foreign exchange earned through tourism including those from Charters are as follows:

Year	Estimated Foreign Exchange Earned (Rupees in Cores)
1999	12951.00
2000	14475.42

Separate figures for Goa are not available.

(d) Goa gets a maximum share of Chartered flights landing in India and they are all being accommodated.

(e) Airports Authority of India and Naval Headquarters ensure that all the flights landing at Goa are accommodated and provided landing facilities.

Tourism related projects received from Bihar

†451. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the tourism related projects forwarded to Central Government for approval by State Government of Bihar during last three years; and

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